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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: **NOTICE OF *EX PARTE* MEETING**
IB Docket No. 02-10
Use of Satellite Earth Stations on Board Vessels

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 5, 2004, Mary Ellen Kramer, President of Broadband Maritime, Inc. ("Broadband Maritime"), and I had an *ex parte* meeting with the International Bureau (the "Bureau") regarding the above-referenced docket. Representing the Bureau were Lisa Cacciatore, Richard B. Engelman, Howard Griboff, Bill Howden, Karl A. Kensinger, Paul Locke, John Martin, Belinda E. Nixon and Thomas S. Tycz. Broadband Maritime operates a network of earth stations on board vessels ("ESVs") using the 5925-6425 MHz/3700-4200 MHz band ("C-Band") on board foreign-registered merchant marine ships pursuant to No. 4.4 of the Radio Regulations of the International Telecommunications Union ("ITU").

We discussed a number of issues addressed in the comments and reply comments filed by Broadband Maritime, including the public interest need for ESV service, the reasons why Broadband Maritime must use the C-Band frequencies when operating within 300 km of the United States coastline, the reasons why it would be impractical for Broadband Maritime to frequency-coordinate C-Band use at each of the United States ports, methods for protecting terrestrial fixed services from interference while operating ESVs on an uncoordinated, non-

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interference basis, the benefits of routinely authorizing 2.4 meter antennas for the C-Band, and
ESV operations on vessels of foreign registry.

Very truly yours,

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